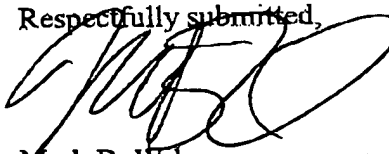


III. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of five months to and including August 21, 2003, in which to file this Request for Continued Examination in lieu of the Appeal Brief which was due on March 21, 2003, pursuant to Applicant's Notice of Appeal filed January 13, 2003, which was received in the Office on January 21, 2003.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct the fees required by 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21, for the Request for Continued Examination filing fee (\$375.00), the five-month extension of time (\$980.00), and the Terminal Disclaimer (\$55.00) from Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/AMBI:054US.

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